

Wisconsin Association of FFA
Board of Directors Meeting
January 7, 2005
The Country Springs Hotel, Stevens Point, Wisconsin

The Wisconsin Association of FFA Board of Directors meeting was called to order by FFA President Nicole Schmidt on Friday, January 7th at 1:10pm. The following members of the Board were present; Mr. Dean Gagnon, Nicole Schmidt, Mrs. Cheryl Zimmerman, Dani Raether, Mr. Meyer, Mr. Zobeck, Gena Polzin, Ms. Siegmund, Kelsey Murphy, Mr. Stoppelmoor, Mrs. Ihm, Danielle Russell, Ms. Houser, Mr. Hicken, Brandon Hager, Mr. Mueller, Tyler Sailsbery, Mr. Nowak, Michelle Rudolph, Ms. Erb, and Mr. Belinski.

1. Nicole gave the FFA Board of Directors an update on the State FFA Officer Team. She gave a brief review of the activities for the past two months.
2. Mr. Gagnon gave a report on the Wisconsin FFA membership rosters submitted to DPI and processed by Mr. Keith Eccarius. Mr. Gagnon passed out an information sheet that listed Wisconsin FFA chapters that had submitted their FFA rosters by the December 1 deadline but had not yet paid their FFA dues. Another column listed chapters that had not submitted a roster nor paid FFA their FFA dues. There was a discussion on the enforcement of policy concerning late rosters and late payment. Chapters are placed on "Probation" if the chapter was not late in submitting their roster and/or payment the previous year but missed the deadlines for the current year. Probation does not limit a chapter's activities. It serves as a warning that the chapter cannot be late the next year. Probation means that if a chapter is late in sending in their roster or payment in the following year the chapter will be placed on the "prohibited" list. When a chapter is placed on the "Prohibited" list they are not allowed to compete or participate in any FFA events on the State or National level for the current school year because they missed the required deadlines two years in a row.

After a few minutes of discussion concerning chapters that had submitted rosters but payment had not been received, concern was raised that these chapters may not be aware that their business office did not send out payment before the winter break and chapters should be able to check on the status of the payment. There was a motion made by Brandon Hager. The motion read "To give the following chapters on the probation list a two week grace period; Freedom, Weywauwega-Fremont, Baldwin-Woodville, Bonduel, Green Bay West, Greenwood, Independence, Laconia, Mosinee, Parkview, Richland Center, River Valley, Rosholt, UW-Madison, Waupaca, and Whitewater." There was a second by Michelle Rudolph. It passed by majority vote. The advisors sustained the action of the state officers. With this motion, this means that if the DPI receives those chapters' payments within the next two weeks, they will be removed from the "probation" list.

The next topic was about what to do with the chapters on the "prohibited" list. Danielle Russell moved to place Belmont, Hudson, and Wrightstown on the prohibited list seeing as they have not submitted a roster or payment this year and were either on the "probation" or "prohibited" list last year. Brandon Hager seconded the motion. The motion passed by a majority vote and the advisors sustained the actions of the state

officers. The chapters can appeal this decision to the Board of Directors if they so choose.

Michelle Rudolph then moved to place Algoma, Belleville, Flambeau, Howards Grove, North Crawford, and Northwestern on the "probation" list seeing as they have not submitted a roster or payment as of December 1, 2004. Brandon Hager seconded the motion. The motion passed by a majority vote and the advisors sustained the action of the state officers.

The chapters receiving a two weeks grace period or being placed on either the "probation" or "prohibited" list will receive a letter in the mail from State FFA Advisor/Executive Secretary Dean Gagnon.

3. Mrs. Zimmerman gave a report on the Wisconsin FFA Center and various FFA activities.

4. Mrs. Zimmerman reviewed setting up Sectional Speaking Contests with the advisors and state officers. Plaques were given to the advisors in each section. Sectional Speaking Contest Host Handbooks were given to each advisor in each section.

5. Advisors were asked to consider several items for future Board meetings and get feedback from teachers and members concerning the following:

a. Agricultural Education Proficiency Award to begin in 2006. Thought is being given to consolidate the State Leadership and Safe Safety Proficiency into the new Agricultural Education Proficiency Award.

b. Chapter Award Applications for Food For American, Chapter Safety and Farm/City. Feedback was shared from suggested changes to the application process. Advisors were asked to read through feedback and more discussion will occur at the February Board Meeting

6. An update was given to the Board concerning the State FFA Officer Task that is meeting to prepare recommendations on the marketing, support, election process and activities of the state FFA officers. No formal recommendations have come from that Task Force at this time as they are continue discussion. Further meetings of the Task Force continue as great ideas and suggestions are debated.

7. Discussion was held concerning the Personal Conduct Agreement and Conference Waivers asked to be submitted at FFA leadership conference. Suggestions were given on how to make the form more generic so that it can be signed at the beginning of the year and used at numerous events that students participate in. The waivers were provided by National FFA and can be revised as needed for state use.

Brandon Hager made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Michelle Rudolph seconded the motion. Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kelsey Murphy
2004-2005 State FFA Secretary